



TRANSITIONAL CENTERS

The mission of Transitional Centers (TC) is to protect the public by providing community residential services to inmates before their discharge or parole from incarceration. The goal of TC's is to have all residents in the program be employed, law-abiding, taxpaying, sober, and more educated citizens. Upon completing the TC Program, our hope is that each of the residents will choose to continue living a responsible lifestyle and be productive members of society.

MISSION

The Georgia Department of Corrections protects the public by operating safe and secure facilities through the development of professional staff and effective offender management.

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

PHASE I:

- One-week orientation
- One-week of center sanitation detail
- Three weeks of programming
- Residents also meet with assigned counselors to discuss specific needs and develop treatment/performance plans

PHASE II:

- Upon completion of Phase I, residents appear before a classification committee for review and assessment
- A resident's performance is reviewed and if he/she meets the criteria they are moved to Phase II
- Within this phase, residents are allowed to seek employment in the community

PHASE III:

- Occurs when a resident has met all program requirements
- During this phase, counselors prepare resident plans to assist offenders with reentry into society

CURRICULUM

REENTRY SKILLS BUILDING

Designed to teach residents life skills, such as organization, work-ethics, money management, family and friend relationships, and other ways to successfully live after incarceration

MATRIX EARLY RECOVERY SKILLS

Designed for residents to begin the process of substance use recovery through a cognitive behavioral evidence-based curriculum

MOTIVATION FOR CHANGE (M4C)

A five-step cognitive curriculum program based on the five phases of change

DETOURS

Focuses on changing criminal attitudes, values, thinking patterns, and behaviors. It also concentrates on enhancing the offenders desire to change their behavior

ALCOHOLICS/ NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

FAMILY REUNIFICATION DAYS

FAITH BASED AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

LOCATIONS

ATLANTA TRANSITIONAL CENTER, ATLANTA

- Host facility: Metro Complex in Atlanta Capacity: 277
- Opened: 1970, renovated 1991

AUGUSTA TRANSITIONAL CENTER, AUGUSTA

- Host facility: Augusta State Medical Prison in Augusta Capacity: 230
- Opened: 2002

BACON TRANSITIONAL CENTER, ALMA

- Host facility: Ware State Prison in Waycross Capacity: 50
- Opened: 2018

CLAYTON TRANSITIONAL CENTER, ATLANTA

- Host facility: Metro Complex in Atlanta Capacity: 379
- Opened: 2004

COLUMBUS TRANSITIONAL CENTER, COLUMBUS

- Host facility: Rutledge State Prison in Columbus Capacity: 140
- Opened: 2005, renovated 2006

CHARLES D. HUDSON TRANSITIONAL CENTER, LAGRANGE

- Host facility: Rutledge State Prison in Columbus Capacity: 157
- Opened: 2003

LEE ARRENDALE TRANSITIONAL CENTER, ALTO

- Host facility: Lee Arrendale State Prison in Alto Capacity: 140
- Opened: 2008

MACON MALE TRANSITIONAL CENTER, MACON

- Host facility: Central State Prison in Macon Capacity: 156
- Opened: 1972, renovated 1982

METRO TRANSITIONAL CENTER, ATLANTA

- Host facility: Metro Complex in Atlanta Capacity: 234
- Opened: 1982

PHILLIPS TRANSITIONAL CENTER, BUFORD

- Host facility: Phillips State Prison in Buford Capacity: 204
- Opened: 2008

SMITH TRANSITIONAL CENTER, CLAXTON

- Host facility: Smith State Prison in Claxton Capacity: 213
- Opened: 2009

VALDOSTA TRANSITIONAL CENTER, VALDOSTA

- Host facility: Valdosta State Prison in Valdosta Capacity: 164
- Opened: 2007